

REMARKS

By this Amendment, the claim 2 is amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, claims 7, 20-22, 25-26, 28, and 31 (indicated by the Office Action as including allowable subject matter) have been rewritten in independent format including all of the limitations of any base and intervening claims, claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-10, 17-19 and 23-24, have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer and claims 3, 27, 29 and 30 have been amended to accommodate the cancellation of its base claims. Claims 3, 7, 30-23 and 25-31 are pending.

The Office Action rejected claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for allegedly being indefinite. Although claim 2 was cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants have incorporated the subject matter of that claim into allowable claim 7 as part of rewriting claim 7 in independent format and that subject matter has been corrected as suggested by the Office Action.

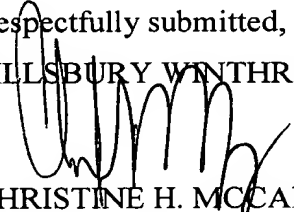
As a result of the rewriting of the allowable claims in independent format and the cancellation or amending of all remaining claims to depend from allowable claims, all prior art rejections are moot.

All issues having been traversed, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for immediate allowance and requests that a Notice be issued to that effect. If anything remains necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's undersigned representative.

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